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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9421

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, CS

SUBJECT: FMS CASH SALE REQUEST

REF: STATE 35184

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN AWARE OF GENESIS OF THIS REQUEST FOR SOME TIME THROUGH NORMAL MILGRP LIAISON. I HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON GOCR REQUEST TO WHICH I WOULD PREFER HAVE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION BEFORE EMBASSY UNDERTAKES ANY FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY ABOUT GOCR REASONS FOR THESE PRUCHASES.

2. THE SIZE OF THE ORDER FOR M-1 CARBINES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT IS DUE TO GOCR DECISION TO UPGRADE AND STANDARIZE EQUIPMENT FOR ALL PUBLIC FORCES. THIS REQUEST THEREFORE INCLUDES ARMS FOR RURAL GUARD AS WELL AS REVIL GUARD. AS SUCH, I CONSIDER REQUEST REASONABLE AND NOT EXCESSIVE AND CONCUR  
IN DEPARTMENT'S DECISION EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF ITEMS ONE THROUGH SIX.

3. WITH RESPECT TO CHEMICAL AGENTS, PROJECTILES FOR PISTOLS, AND GRENADES AND LAUNCHERS (ITEMS SEVEN THROUGH 13), I DO NOT CONSIDER THESE UNREASONABLE REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC FORCES, BUT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE AD-

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VERSE POLITICAL REACTIONS AT SOME FUTURE DATE TO USG

ASSOCIATION WITH THESE PARTICULAR TYPES OF EQUIPMENT.  
THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE AT A TIME WHEN THERE HAS BEEN A  
FLURRY OF CONCERN ABOUT PUBLIC ORDER IN SAN JOSE AND WE MAY  
SEE MORE OF THIS CONCERN. AT THE SAME TIME I THINK WE SHOULD  
BE RESPONSIVE TO REASONABLE REQUEST FROM A FRIENDLY GOVERN-  
MENT AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE AVOID A PATRONIZING  
POSTURE IN DECIDING WHAT IS UNREASONABLE.

4. FOR ALL THESE REASONS I WOULD IDEALLY PREFER A USG  
POSTURE OF RAPIDLY RESPONDING TO REQUESTS ONE THROUGH SIX  
AND AT THE SAME TIME BEING IN A POSITION TO SAY TO THE GOCR  
CONVINCINGLY THAT WE CANNOT AND DO NOT ANY LONGER PROVIDE  
THE OTHER ITEMS REQUESTED UNDER FMS. TO BE DEFENSIBLE  
HERE, THIS ANSWER WOULD HAVE TO MEAN THAT WE DO NOT OR WILL  
NOT IN THE FUTURE PROVIDE SUCH EQUIPMENT UNDER FMS TO OTHER  
COUNTRIES IN LATIN AMERICA EITHER, AND SPECIFICALLY IN  
CENTRAL AMERICA. I DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE CASE,  
ALTHOUGH I AM AWARE THAT WE ARE TRYING BROADLY TO MOVE  
AWAY FROM FMS CASH SALES IN FAVOR OF COMMERCIAL SALES.

5. WE KNOW FROM OUR EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY  
THAT THE CHEMICAL AGENTS AND PROJECTILES ARE INTENDED  
TO BUILD A PARAMILITARY CAPABILITY FOR SUPPRESSION  
OF POTENTIAL TERRORISM. ANY USE OF THE GRENADES WOULD BE  
PARTICULARLY CONTROVERSIAL HERE, BUT I CANNOT SAY THAT  
IN THESE TIMES IT IS UNREASONABLE FOR THE GOCR TO HAVE  
THEM. I WOULD SIMPLY PREFER THAT THE USG NOT BE ASSOCIATED  
WITH THEM IF THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED  
WITH A PLAUSIBLE  
EXCUSE WHICH DOES NOT DRAW INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS WITH  
OUR TREATMENT OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

6. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOCR HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED  
IN WASHINGTON THAT THE CHEMICAL AGENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE  
UNDER FMS CASH SALE. I WOULD APPRECIATE VERIFICATION  
OF THIS AND DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON OTHER POINTS RAISED  
ABOVE.  
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